

Draft Guidance Note on the General Debate

The Bureau of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in accordance with Rule 13 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure (CRPD/CSP/2008/3), has agreed on the following:

1. During the 15th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, there will be a General Debate, under the agenda item 5 (a), following the opening at the first meeting on 14 June 2022.
2. All States Parties and Observer States that wish to be inscribed on the list of speakers are requested to inscribe through the e-Speakers module of the e-Delegate portal between **23 May (Monday) and 6 June (Monday)**. Further information will be announced in due course through the UN Journal and regional group representatives in the bureau.
3. Intergovernmental organizations, NGOs that have observer status with the Conference of States Parties, United Nations system including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions shall submit their inscription in writing to the Secretariat, via filling and lodging their registration, via a devoted COSP15 online platform at the UN ENABLE website that is maintained by Secretariat, **within the above same time framework**.
4. Delegations are encouraged to consider group statements.
5. The list of speakers will be produced on first-come, first-served basis, taking into account the protocol of the United Nations.
6. Considering the time constraints, a statement will be limited to **three minutes for each delegation** duly inscribed to the list and the time-limit policy will be enforced effectively (i.e. cutting off the microphone). Individual reasonable accommodation will be granted for persons with disabilities and needs are asked to be communicated via enable@un.org by 15 May 2022.
7. Duly inscribed speakers may deliver their statement (individual or group statement) via provision of a pre-recorded video message, and if this option is chosen, the relevant delegation is requested to provide, along with the recorded video message, a copy of the speaking script in one of the six official UN languages, **no later than 7 days** in advance of the opening of the session.

agreed by bureau as of 30 March 2022

8. States Parties and Observers may submit their full statements in writing for posting on the UN Journal portal. To ensure accessibility, States Parties and Observers are kindly requested to forward their statements in both PDF and accessible Microsoft Word formats via email to **estatements@un.org** at least 3 hours prior to the start of the meeting on 14 June 2022.

9. Submissions will be reflected in the official report of the Conference after the conclusion of the session.